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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHAIRMAN, UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT: The Soviet BW-CW Threat (C)

1. (S) I am concerned with the potentially serious threat posed by the Soviet CW effort. The Soviet CW program is of sufficient size and scope to warrant special attention by the United States Intelligence Board.

2. (S) The studies and estimates currently available do not provide the Board with a sufficiently detailed appraisal of the threat implications of the Soviet CW capabilities.

a. From a technological standpoint, the Scientific Intelligence Committee Study, "The Chemical Warfare Capabilities of the U.S.S.R., 1960 through 1965" (SIC-S-1-60) provides a very detailed and authoritative appraisal of Soviet capabilities. A revision of this study, now being submitted to the SIC, concludes that the Soviet CW capabilities pose a significant threat to the U.S. security, primarily to U.S. forces overseas and on the Western allies, and, by 1968, these capabilities will be stronger than at present. Despite some important intelligence gaps, this conclusion is supported by a considerable accumulation of good evidence.

b. National intelligence estimates are available which translate technological CW capabilities into an appraisal of the resulting threat. However, these NIE's (NIE's 11-4 and 11-14) are survey-type estimates which necessarily include only a very condensed treatment of CW. The assessment of the CW threat has been overshadowed by more spectacular topics and has not received sufficient attention.

3. (S) There is a requirement for an estimate which (a) reviews the most recent SIC study on Soviet CW capabilities, (b) evaluates the resulting threat in detail, and (c) identifies the critical intelligence gaps. The estimate should be sufficiently authoritative for use by the Board and by other officials at the highest national levels. These conditions would be fulfilled by a Special National Intelligence Estimate.

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4. (S) I request that the Board undertake a Special National Intelligence Estimate on "The Soviet CW Threat to the NATO Forces in Europe."



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Major General, GS

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Remarks:

The attached memorandum requesting a SNIE on the subject is being referred to ONE for comment and recommendation.

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James S. Lay, Jr., Exec. Secretary, USIB	8 Feb 63